

OPENING STATEMENT OF REP. LAMAR SMITH (R-TX)
SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY HEARING
Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle Act of 2006
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Thank you, Madam Chairman, for having this hearing on the discussion draft of “The Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle Act of 2006,” which I expect to introduce in the next few days.

I’d like to introduce Roger Duncan, who is from my home state of Texas and from Austin, which is part of my congressional district. He is here to share his knowledge of plug-in hybrid electric technology.

Mr. Duncan has been a leader in energy conservation and environmental policy for over 20 years. He is the Deputy General Manager of Austin Energy – which is the nation’s 10th largest community-owned electric utility.

Since joining the City of Austin’s management staff in 1989, he has overseen the development and implementation of water and air quality programs, environmental reviews and energy and water conservation programs.

Prior to his service in city management, he served four years as a city council member.

He also serves as a board member of the Electric Drive Transportation Association and is the campaign coordinator for Plug-In Partners.

He has been recognized by BusinessWeek Magazine as one of the 20 top leaders of the decade in the effort to reduce gases that cause global warming.

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